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TREASURY FOR ASST. SEC. BERGSTEN
COMMERCE FOR ASST. SEC. BARUCH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, IS

SUBJECT: SECOND MONTHLY REVIEW OF BIRDF OPERATIONS

REF: MEMORANDUM OF MAY 3, 1978 TO BIRDF WORKING GROUP,
WASHINGTON.

1. AT SECOND MEETING PURSUANT TO BIRDF REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV H, EXDIR REPORTED THAT HE HAD FOUND HOUSING FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY WITH ONE ROOM TO BE DESIGNATED AS PART OF BIRDF OFFICE AND MAJORITY OF BIRDF STAFF TO CONTINUE IN SEPARATE QUARTERS. SCIATT SAID THAT UNSIGNED BOG RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 20-21 CONCERNING EXDIR HOUSING SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED COLOCATION OF ENTIRE BIRDF OFFICES WITH EXDIR RESIDENCE. BLACKMAN SAID OPINION IN MORGAN LEWIS MEMO OF JANUARY 27, COPY TO BANQUE, INDICATED THAT DESIGNATION OF SINGLE ROOM AS "OFFICE" WOULD PROVIDE EXEMPTION FROM IRS TAXATION OF VALUE OF HOUSING.

2. HOUSE IS LOCATED AT NO. 9 EINSTEIN ST., HERZLIYA
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PITUACH. IT HAS BEEN OFFERED TO BLACKMAN AT US\$1,200 PER MONTH WITH 18 MONTH LEASE AND OPTION TO BUY WITHIN 12 MONTHS FOR US\$250,000. EMBASSY FINDS HOUSE SUITABLE BUT RENTAL EXORBITANT. WE RESERVE OPINION ON PURCHASE PRICE.

3. BLACKAN DEMANDING APPROVAL OF HOUSE BY LAVIE/MILLS

BY JUNE 14 WITH COMMENT THAT HE WILL LEAVE ISRAEL IF HE
MUST GO ON LIVING IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

4. SCIATT WILL NOT APPROVE THIS RESIDENCE UNLESS SO
INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, BLACKMAN SAID THAT HE PLANS TO
REGISTER BIRDF IN US AS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR
TAXATION PURPOSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPINION OF MORGAN
LEWIS THAT SUCH REGISTRATION WOULD ASSURE EXEMPTION
FROM TAXATION OF FIRST US\$20,000 OF BLACKMAN'S INCOME.
SCIATT AND ISAACS (REPRESENTING LAVIE) DOUBTED WISDOM
OF THIS STEP AND SAID APPROVAL OF US GOVERNORS SHOULD
FIRST BE OBTAINED. BLACKMAN PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON
THIS WEEK TO CONSULT ON FOREGOING AND OTHER MATTERS.

6. FULL REPORT OF MEETING FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
LEWIS

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